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Via ECFS
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

Please do not harm consumers by eliminating a competitive market for DSL over unbundled copper lines. This is not the American way to conduct business, since the elimination of competition means the elimination of innovation, and is only a form of wealth transfer from ordinary citizens to monopolistic market powers that only enrich a few, while harming the overall economy by robbing it of robustness.

Your responsibility is to balance the needs and concerns of both consumers and service providers, not to simply increase the profitability of the latter.

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